

Listing of the Claims:

1-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) A heat transfer material comprising:

a non-transferable portion comprising a substrate layer and a release coating layer; and

a transferable portion overlying said non-transferable portion, said transferable portion comprising a peelable film layer overlying said release coating layer, a crosslinked polymer layer having an opacifying material, and a crosslinked printable polymer layer, wherein said crosslinked polymer layer having an opacifying material, said crosslinked printable polymer layer, or combinations thereof, overlie said peelable film layer, wherein said peelable film layer is melt-flowable at a transfer temperature, and wherein said crosslinked polymer layer having an opacifying material and said crosslinked printable polymer layer do not appreciably flow at the transfer temperature.

44. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 43, wherein the peelable film layer is selected from polyolefins; copolymers of olefins; vinyl acetate monomers; acrylic acid monomers; methacrylic acid monomers; acrylic esters; styrene; polyamides; polyesters; and polyurethanes.

45. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 43, wherein the release coating layer is selected from silicone-containing polymers; acrylic polymers; polyvinylacetates; polystyrenes; polyvinyl alcohols; polyurethanes; polyvinylchlorides; ethylene-vinylacetate copolymers; acrylic copolymers; vinyl chloride-acrylics; and vinylacetate acrylics.

46. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 45, wherein the release coating layer includes an additive selected from processing aids, release

agents, pigments, deglossing agents, antifoam agents, rheology control agents, and mixtures thereof.

47. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 43, wherein the substrate layer is selected from cellulosic nonwoven webs and polymeric films.

48. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 43, wherein the crosslinked polymer layer having an opacifying material includes a crosslinkable binder, a crosslinking agent and an opacifying pigment.

49. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 48, wherein the crosslinking agent is a polyfunctional aziridine crosslinking agent.

50. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 48, wherein the crosslinkable binder contains carboxyl groups and the crosslinking agent contains a multifunctional aziridine, a carbodiimide or an oxazoline functional polymer.

51. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 48, wherein the opacifying pigment is a white pigment.

52–57. (Cancelled)

58. (Previously Presented) A method of forming an image-bearing coating on a surface, wherein the method comprises:

removing a non-transferable portion of a heat transfer material from a transferable portion of said heat transfer material, wherein the non-transferable portion of the heat transfer material comprises a substrate layer and a release coating layer, and wherein the transferable portion of the heat transfer material comprises a peelable film layer overlying said release coating layer and an opaque crosslinked polymer layer overlying said peelable film layer;

placing the peelable film layer on the surface with the opaque crosslinked polymer layer exposed; and

applying heat and pressure to the exposed opaque crosslinked polymer layer, thereby causing said peelable film layer to melt and flow.

59-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 43, wherein said crosslinked printable polymer layer does not become a fluid at the transfer temperature.

65. (Cancelled)

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the peelable film layer is selected from polyolefins; copolymers of olefin; vinyl acetate monomers; acrylic acid monomers; methacrylic acid monomers; acrylic esters; styrenes; polyamides; polyesters; polyurethanes; or combinations thereof.

67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the release coating layer is selected from silicone-containing polymers; acrylic polymers; polyvinylacetates; polystyrenes; polyvinyl alcohols; polyurethanes; polyvinylchlorides; ethylene-vinylacetate copolymers; acrylic copolymers; vinyl chloride-acrylics; vinylacetate acrylics, or mixtures thereof.

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the release coating layer includes an additive selected from processing aids, release agents, pigments, deglossing agents, antifoam agents, rheology control agents, or mixtures thereof.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the substrate layer comprises a cellulosic nonwoven web.

70. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the substrate layer comprises a polymeric film.

71. (Previously Presented) The heat transfer material of claim 58, wherein the opaque crosslinked polymer layer includes a crosslinkable binder, a crosslinking agent and an opacifying pigment.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 71, wherein the crosslinking agent is a polyfunctional aziridine crosslinking agent.